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SUBJECT: IRAQ: TRANSPORTING JAPANESE DIPLOMATS
REF: EMBASSY BAGHDAD OFFICIAL-INFORMAL 10/27/06

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See para. 3.

¶2. (SBU) The Embassy of Japan approached the Department to ask the USG for assistance in moving its diplomatic personnel via helicopter from Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) to the International Zone (IZ). Currently, Japan enters Baghdad from regional locations, such as Amman, by ground transport. Due to the unstable security situation Japan requests to move by air transport. USG strongly supports robust international engagement in Iraq; Japan continues to make significant economic and military contributions to this effort. Actual flight requirements should be light, as Japan employs only a few people in its Embassy.

¶3. (SBU) Embassy is instructed to request this transport assistance through appropriate military channels. Japanese reimbursement can likely be handled via the U.S.-Japan Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement.

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